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In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks,
the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the
rejection and allowance of all claims is requested.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 9, 2003.

All claims 1-4 are amended. New claim 5 reinstates the subject matter removed from claim 1. The new claim is patentable by its dependence and for the reasons set forth below.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, then this paper is a petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Remarks begin on page 5.